



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC Disciples

Dan Brooks, Lorene Stitzer, Neil Kimerer, Cory Bird, Zachary Smith

TLC Friends

Family of Rev. Rebecca West, Alexandra, Judy, Gregg, Ardee, Mike C., Tim, Jean,

Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

For the FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ADVENT we light the:

CANDLE OF LOVE

to remind us that Christ is
the Prince of Peace, the One
promised from the begin-
ning of the world.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Angela Garritano	1
Melissa Phillips	1
Eric Fedorko	5
Laurie Smith	5
Sean Belland	6
Elowen Kendall	9
Rick Whitmer	9
Alexa Oselinsky	11
David Oselinsky	12
Dee Frisque	13
Sean Grubbs	15
William Adams	16
Barbara Roberts	16
Noelie Garritano	17
Kevin Trostle	19
Dennis Weidel	23
Gina Motter	25
Brian Belland	27
Kylie Schoenauer	28
Liam Merritt	29
Scott Crain	30
Nancy Owens	31

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00 PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION &
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3:00PM TROOP#375 CUBS MTG

6:00PM E2 REHEARSAL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:15PM TROOP #375 MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:45PM ZUMBA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00PM QUIET HOUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
W/ COMMUNION

5:00PM FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE W/
COMMUNION

7:00PM CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE
W/ COMMUNION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

10:00AM ZUMBA

5:00PM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:15AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION

10:00AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION &
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

A Christmas Message from Interim Bishop Barbara Collins

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. John 1:1-5

“In the beginning...”

What was your “beginning” memory of Christmas? The lights? The giving and receiving of gifts? The gathering of family? The music of the season? Baby Jesus? For me, it was sitting in a church sanctuary with everyone holding small lit candles while singing Silent Night. Even as young as I was, I knew it was a special night, a Holy Night, even though I didn’t fully understand the depth of God’s Word made flesh. The depth of God’s gift to us in Jesus – the reason for our gathering and our worship that night.

I once asked a class of students what they felt was the most important holiday for the church and for them. Their answer was Christmas! I asked why. And they said, “That’s when Jesus was born!” Our limited human understanding of life inevitably sees birth as the beginning. But this reading from the gospel of John speaks of another “beginning.” The beginning of all things with the Word, who was with God and who was God. The Word from whom all things came into being.

Jesus is the Word, was with God and is God from the very beginning. In him is the beginning of life, and all stages of life. In him is the light of all people, shining for us through our brightest and darkest days. Through him we see, and experience, God’s glory full of grace and truth which leads us through all the days of our lives, from our beginning to our end.

Together, we have journeyed to the end of another year and now look toward the future year with hope and expectation. There are new things on the horizon, new things coming into being, all of which continue to be surrounded and guided by the Holy One who has been with us from the beginning. May God’s holy light shine on our path and through us as children of the light.

Holy One, who is the Word, we give thanks for our beginning with you. We celebrate your birth, when you became flesh to live among us, the greatest gift from the greatest love. Continue to guide us, to light our way, and help us remember that your beginning in our lives never ends. In your holy name we pray. Amen.





The Happy Valley Business Association will be conducting their, **20th Annual Winter Clothing Drive** of new or gently used winter coats, winter boots, scarves, gloves and hats to help support the Burrowes Street Yourh Haven as part of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau (YSB) in State College (boys and girls between the ages of 12-18). Donations are being accepted through December 19th.

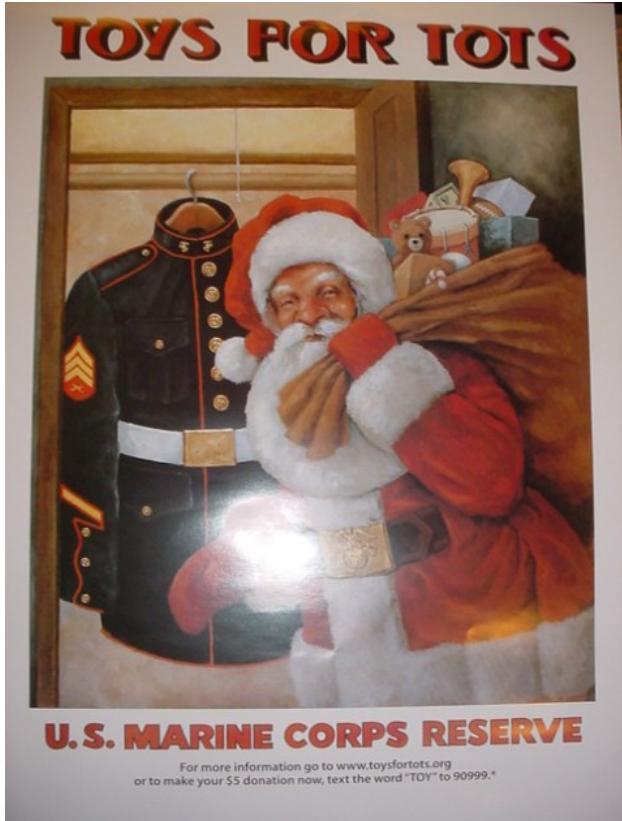
Note: Due to current restrictions, please only drop off items in clean or "like new" conditions. This would be much appreciated by the recipients!

Thank you,
Trevor Stark, Treasurer

Food items have been collected so far!
Thank you!

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN & ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

WILL YOU HELP US?



On **November 1st thru December 14th**, we will conducting our **TOYS FOR TOTS Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive**. This event will help **Centre County Food Pantries** to distribute food and Christmas toys.

This year, with the current government shutdown, our pantries have been pressured with extra challenges causing families to need extra care and help.

Please consider donating **unexpired, non-perishable food items, baking products, baby food, personal hygiene products, and/or cleaning supplies** so we can distribute these within our Centre County Food Pantries.

Trinity has been a big supporter for both **Toys for Tots Campaign and the Holiday Food Drive**. Gene and Donna would appreciate your help and support through these challenging economic times for low-income families.

Any questions can be directed to **Gene (814-571-4332) or Donna Weller(814-571-2280)**

WEATHER POLICY



Now that winter has seemingly arrived, just a reminder about cancelling church activities. We rarely cancel activities due to the weather. If we do cancel; we will do our best to notify everyone via email or on Facebook or our website. If you feel uncomfortable driving in certain conditions, STAY HOME. We want everyone to be safe and there is no need to take unnecessary risks. If you have doubts about whether an event has been canceled,

call the church office or feel free to call Pastor Ron, 814-933-8514.

The Flower Chart has been posted for you , if you would like to sponsor altar flowers.



2026

Please pick up your Church Envelops which can be found in you mailbox.



Trinity Lutheran Church contributed

\$175.00 for the **2025 State College Crop Walk**,

That's \$20.00 more from last year.

Monetary donations are still being accepted through the month of December.

If by checks please memo for **Crop Walk**

Or go online to:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/statecollegepa>

As of now, **State College Crop Walk has raised**

\$12,623.12.

And remember, every dollar we raise helps those in need

and 25% will be sent to the State College Food Bank.

Again thank you!



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Quiet Hour Christmas Worship

12:00 pm

Family Christmas Eve Worship with
Communion

5:00 pm

Candlelight Worship with Communion

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Celebration of the Nativity with Communion

10:00 am

